

# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager Clark County, Nevada

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Clark County, Nevada (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2018

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, Clark County Water Reclamation District, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Big Bend Water District, and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the County are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Las Vegas, Nevada February 5, 2018

Ede Saelly LLP

## 2016-A Financial Close and Reporting Finding

**Proper classification of Fund Balance Type of Finding - Material Weakness** 

Initial Fiscal Year Finding Occurred: 2016

Finding Summary: As of June 30, 2016, certain fund balance classifications were misstated as the County was not following its established policy of using restricted resources first and then committed resources, followed by assigned resources.

Status: Corrective action was taken.



#### **Auditor's Comments**

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Clark County, Nevada (the County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the County failed to comply with the specific requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes cited below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the County's noncompliance with the requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes cited below, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

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#### **CURRENT YEAR STATUTE COMPLIANCE**

The County conformed to all significant statutory constraints on its financial administration during the year except for those items identified in Note II of the accompanying financial statements.

### PROGRESS ON PRIOR YEAR STATUTE COMPLIANCE

The County monitored all significant constraints on its financial administration during the year ended June 30, 2017.

#### PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

The status of prior year recommendations is included in the Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings accompanying the financial statements.

## CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

We noted no material weakness and reported no significant deficiencies in internal controls.

Las Vegas, Nevada

Ede Saelly LLP

February 5, 2018